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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Due to work commitments, I missed the first Sunday run. I had been sent to the delightfully named town of "Hell" in Norway, and I can assure everyone that Hell definitely is freezing over. Anyway, I am told that the run was steady, with quite reasonable passenger numbers at the end of the day. The mid month run from Wilson maintained the trend for improved passenger numbers. There was a minor disruption when the club diesel, "Dependable", had to be retired with a burst radiator hose, but "City of Canning" was rolled out to take its place and maintain operations alongside Vic's G535.

There has been a steady stream of private bookings for the club recently, with more scheduled for December (see the Secretary's Report). These are generally quite low key relaxed affairs, and also bring in some extra income which is being put towards the club's "building fund" for future improvements and replacements of our ageing club buildings.

Earlier this month, we joined with the Wilson Wetlands Action Group (WWAG) and the Wilson Ratepayers Association, to meet our local State MP, Ben Wyatt. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of ownership of the riverside land which our railway occupies, and to try and expedite the long planned transfer of the currently privately owned land into public ownership as part of the Canning River Regional Park. Ben was very interested in the situation, and undertook to take the matter up with the Minister. It will be good news if he succeeds in getting some action, as the current uncertain status of the land ownership is an obstacle to ourselves and WWAG in securing additional grant funding to help with various projects around the site, including in our case, an upgrade of the toilet block to provide access for disabled people.

Richard Stuart

President, Castledare Miniature Railway

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

The work tasks that get done in the average month are too many to mention. However, the following gives some of the progress highlights, as well as giving a look-ahead to the work coming up. If anybody else would like to join in, you will be welcome.

PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS	ONGOING WORK
Fallen tree branches in the Wetlands cleared from the tracks.	Continuing clean-up of grounds.
Re-arrangement of Gerry's workshop.	Repair and upgrade boundary posts to exclude vehicles from the site.
Further work on new traverser system outside Gerry's workshop.	
Continuing improvement and expansion of electronic signalling systems.	Installation of Dual Bridge automatic signalling system.
	Continuing development of remote wireless automatic signalling systems.
	Development of CMR operating procedures and safety manual
Replacement springs delivered for green passenger car set.	Continue refurbishment work on "Denis P Moore".
	Replace springs on green passenger car set.
	Overhaul "Comet Vale" diesel outline loco.
	Improve cooling system on City of Canning diesel outline loco.
Re-sleepering, re-ballasting and levelling in Niana Station area and in the Wetlands.	Continue work on 5-inch gauge track refurbishment.

CLUB ISSUES

Health & Safety

We had an unfortunate incident this month, where one of our members injured a finger badly enough to require hospital treatment. This happened while moving things around in the workshop, and emphasises the need to be vigilant at all times, including during mundane tasks. There is understandable awareness in the club about the need for safety during our train operations when members of the public are involved. However, our own safety awareness, as members doing routine jobs around the club, needs to be maintained. Some of the most common hazards are deceptively trivial, and include slips, trips, falls, back injuries while lifting, and trapping hazards whenever heavy objects are being moved.



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Following are some of the items that have been discussed at Committee meetings and they are listed here in an endeavour to keep members informed of the current goings on. If any members have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact a Committee member. Contact details for all members of the committee are published elsewhere in the magazine.

From the Committee meetings held:

- ⇒ Convention sub committee still working towards 2009 AALS Convention at CMR under the guidance of Tom Winterbourn
- ⇒ New hand rails and exit ramp at Nina station to be upgraded - any volunteers?
- ⇒ Wall on the #1 approach road at Nina station to be upgraded - any volunteers?
- ⇒ Sink holes at the rear of workshop have been excavated by the Council and are now being filled in again – this will become a future management issue as there is not much we can do to resolve the problem.
- ⇒ John Watson given approval to install a battery charging system in the loco shed is progressing
- ⇒ Christmas party to be held on Saturday 15th December more info elsewhere in this newsletter

PUBLIC DISPLAYS PROMOTING OUR RAILWAY:

Several members have given their time recently to publicize our railway, many brochures were handed out, lots of information given to the 'uninitiated' about Castledare. A lot of interest was shown and hopefully this will result in an increased awareness of our organization. This was at our latest display which was staged at the Canning Show on Friday / Saturday 2nd and 3rd November – sincere thank you to those members who gave up some of their weekend to assist.

NAME BADGES:

The order for new and / or replacement name badges has now been placed and it is expected they will be available in the near future. As soon as they arrive, they will be distributed.

PRIVATE BOOKINGS:

As you will see from the Diary at the end of this newsletter, there are still a number of private bookings that we have between now and Christmas. These bookings are a great way of spreading the word about the railway to many and varied new [and some return] patrons and is a great boost to the club in general.

My thanks go to those members who have, are or will attend and offer their assistance on these days – every little bit of help counts towards making the day run smoothly for the benefit of all concerned.

The recent booking held on behalf of the Conductive Education group is one example of a small group helping themselves, I have been advised that the group managed to raise in excess of \$4,500 on the day and I am sure there are a lot of families who will have a better future to look forward to and we should be proud that we were able to play some small part in making the day a success for them.

These days are generally a little more relaxed when running the railway and affords our members the opportunity to both enjoy the railway and help others at the same time.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Saturday 24th November – private booking – 10am – 2pm from Wilson Station
Sunday 25th November – private booking – 11am – 3pm from Niana
Saturday 1st December – Preparation of railway and general meeting
Sunday 2nd December – Public run day
Sunday 9th December- private booking – Brian Gardiner Holden - 11am – 4pm - help needed
Saturday 15th December- private booking – Dept of Planning - help needed - 11am-2pm
Saturday 15th December – Members Christmas Function – read on for further information.



The members Christmas Function this year will be held on SATURDAY the 15th December following on from the private booking. At a cost of \$5.00 per adult member and \$2.50 per child, an early evening BBQ meal will be provided for those members attending. The club will provide: meat, salad, bread roll and soft drinks. To enable catering to be arranged, please complete the form below and hand it to Ken on either Saturday or Sunday 1st or 2nd of December. Should you wish to bring a guest with you, the cost is \$7.50 per adult.

Don't forget the aeroguard !!!
